

MAIN ROAD DRAFT TRANSIT CORRIDOR PLAN

BUS PRIORITY INFORMATION SHEET

North Hobart Shopping Precinct

BUS PRIORITY MEASURE

Federal Street

- As the North Hobart shopping precinct often experiences congestion, through traffic should be encouraged to bypass the area via Federal and Argyle Streets.
- Dedicated right turn signals will assist through traffic to bypass North Hobart:
 - Travelling from Glenorchy via Federal Street: Federal/Argyle Street intersection.
 - Travelling from Hobart via Federal Street: Federal/Elizabeth Street intersection.

Pitt Street bus stop improvements: travelling from Hobart

- The length of the bus stop located north of Pitt Street, (near ANZ) cannot cater for two parked buses. This prevents vehicles from passing causing congestion.
- The bus stop needs to be longer which requires the removal of part of the kerb and two parking spaces (near Raincheck Lounge).

Consolidation of two bus stops: travelling from Glenorchy

- There are currently two bus stops within North Hobart shopping precinct (near the State Cinema and Fantasy Flowers), consolidating these stops to create a new central stop (near Nandos and Renown) will result in reduced bus travel times.
- The proposed new stop will require removal of four parking spaces and changes to the kerb.
- The existing bus stops could be converted back to parking spaces, meaning no overall loss of parking.

Burnett Street

- There is currently no downstream merge lane on the departure side of the Burnett Street intersection travelling from Hobart.
- Introduction of a downstream merge lane will enable the bus to stay in the left lane and then safely merge back into traffic after the intersection.
- Introduction of the downstream merge lane requires removal of two parking spaces and relocation of the loading zone (near Thai Vegie Hut and Frescos). The loading zone will be relocated to outside Frescos.
- The current left lane approaching Burnett Street from Hobart will be made into a left turn only lane which buses can use to travel straight ahead.

BENEFITS

- Encourages less through traffic through North Hobart shopping precinct reducing congestion for both buses and cars.
- A longer Pitt Street bus stop will reduce travel time delays for both buses and cars travelling from Hobart.
- Consolidation of two bus stops into one will reduce bus travel times.
- The additional lane will reduce travel time delays for buses approaching the Burnett Street intersection from Hobart.

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